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Dear Sirs;

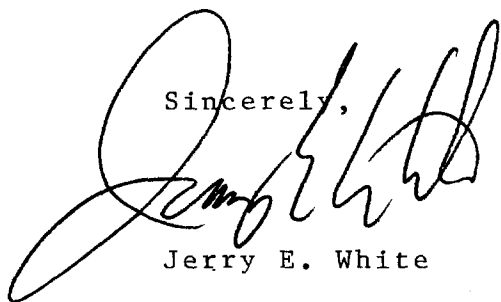
Please find enclosed herewith for filing a Petition for Rulemaking asking that the Rules be amended to allow for filing of applications for new class D stations in cities with no broadcast service or just one broadcast service.

My interest in this is to try and get a new class d station for a local high school for a city that currently has no radio station and will mostlikly not have a full power radio station.

This petition was filed, or mail to be filed well over a year ago, but since no action has been taken, I believe that the first mailing must have gotten misplaced.

Thank you for your time and help in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jerry E. White

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In the matter of sec. )  
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Class D Non-Commercial )  
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#### Petition For Rulemaking

Jerry E. White respectfully submits this petition for rulemaking, requesting that the commission amend it's rules as to allow for application for and assignment of non-Commercial Class D FM radio services to serve communities where such service would provide a community with it's first or second radio service.

A Class D Non-Commercial FM station is a station operating with a transmitter output power of 10 watts. Most Class D stations are owned and operated by Colleges. In the late 1970's the Commission forced Class D operations out of the Non-commercial FM band and halted the accepting of applications for new Class D stations. The reason was to make way for growth in the Non-commercial end of the FM band.

The Commercial portion of the FM band is able to accommodate the existing Class D operations and the current and future FM translator stations, and petitioner feels that it is time for the Commission to re-study the rules and to allow application for new Class D operations.

Should the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking the petitioner believes that comments will focus on the following:

- A) Interference from proposed new Class D operations.
- B) Economic effect on Commercial and Non-Commercial station that already exist.
- C) Increased workload on Commission staff.

The present Commission rules deal with the existing Class D operations with respect to the interference. No new rules would have to be put in place as present rules covering Class D's that are displaced could be adapted to cover the application process for new Class D operations. All Class D FM stations are secondary operations, if it causes interference, it is removed from the air.

The Non-commercial nature of the Class D operation would keep it from causing an economic impact on the small market commercial stations in the community to which the new Class D FM is assigned. With applications limited to communities with only one radio station or none at all, most assignments would come in communities with no public broadcasting stations, and would place no economic impact on existing Non-commercial public stations.

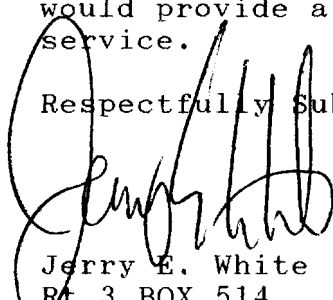
The rule change would increase the workload of the Commission staff, but again the limit to which communities could receive assignments as well as the Non-commercial nature of an assignment should hold down the number of applications at any one time. The increase should be well offset by the public service received by the communities to be served.

Radio in rural areas is becoming regional. Commercial radio is forced to serve as many communities as it can to survive. Allowing communities that have no local radio or only one station to be served by a Class D Non-commercial operation would return LOCAL radio to many and bring local radio for the first time to many more.

A Class D FM Non-commercial station can be budgeted to be built and operated by many of the country's small town high schools, bringing a true diversity to the nation's airwaves. If the airwaves belong to the people, then a class of station that can be afforded by the people needs to be available for assignment to communities that are underserved by currently assigned radio stations.

Because of the heretofore mentioned reasons, Jerry E. White respectfully requests that the commission rules be amended to allow for application for and assignment of Non-commercial Class D FM radio services to communities where such service would provide a community with its first or second radio service.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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